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Honey Production  
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**Update Alert: Price per pound and total value of production were corrected to match the table below.**

## Honey Production Ranks Highest in the Nation

### North Dakota

Honey production in 2007 from North Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 31.1 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2006, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the fourth consecutive year.

There were 420,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2007, up 70,000 from 2006. Yield per colony remained unchanged from the previous year at 74 pounds. Producer stocks were 9.01 million pounds on December 15, 2007, up from 7.77 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2007 crop averaged 92 cents per pound, unchanged from the previous year's revised price. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2007 was 28.6 million dollars, up 20 percent from 2006.

### United States

Honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million colonies producing honey in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Yield per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, down 6 percent from the 64.7 pounds in 2006. Producer honey stocks were 52.5 million pounds on December 15, 2007, down 13 percent from a year earlier. The 2007 all honey price was 103.2 cents, down slightly from 103.6 cents in 2006.

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and United States, 2006-2007**

State	Producing Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks on Hand Dec. 15 <sup>1/</sup>		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000	1,000	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
<b>North Dakota</b>	350	420	74	74	25,900	31,080	7,770	9,013	92	92	23,828	28,594
California	380	340	52	40	19,760	13,600	7,706	3,672	99	104	19,562	14,144
Florida	170	160	81	71	13,770	11,360	1,790	1,363	101	99	13,908	11,246
Minnesota	125	130	80	68	10,000	8,840	3,300	2,564	96	99	9,600	8,752
Montana	132	135	79	68	10,428	9,180	1,981	2,203	96	94	10,011	8,629
South Dakota	225	255	47	52	10,575	13,260	10,575	10,608	95	93	10,046	12,332
<b>United States</b>	2,393	2,442	64.7	60.8	154,907	148,482	60,548	52,484	103.6	103.2	160,484	153,233

1/ Held by producers.